

# Resilient file uploading with Go

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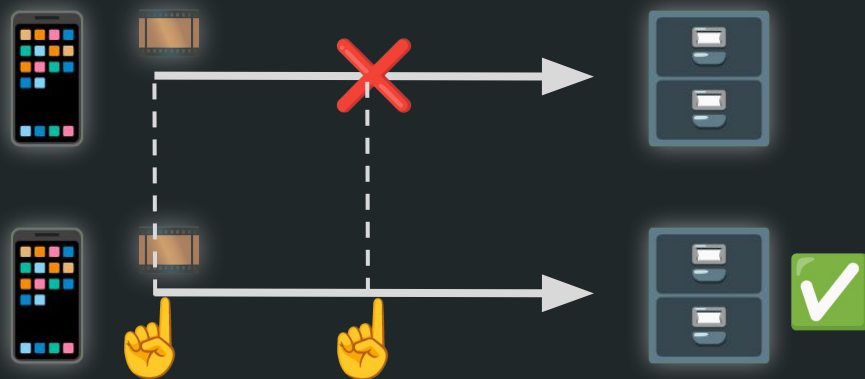
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# Typical file uploads over HTTP



👉 File data has to be re-transmitted again 😞

# Resumable uploads to the rescue!

Upload resource



POST /files  
Length: 20,000



Location: /files/123

HEAD /files/123



Offset: 10,000

PATCH /files/123  
Offset: 10,000



## Tus.io: resumable uploads for everyone



Open, HTTP-based protocol for resumable uploads



Open source libraries that are easy to integrate everywhere

# A naive implementation

```
func handleUpload(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request) {
```

```
    ctx := r.Context()
```

```
    upload, err := state.GetOrCreateUpload(ctx, r.PathValue("id"))
```

👉 Create new resource or get existing one

```
    if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
    err = upload.Append(ctx, r.Body)
```

👉 Append request body to upload

```
    if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
    w.WriteHeader(http.StatusOK)
```

```
}
```

# A naive implementation

```
func (u *S3Upload) Append(ctx context.Context, reader io.Reader) error {  
    f, err := os.CreateTemp("", "upload-part")  
    if err != nil { return err }  
    defer f.Close()  
  
    _, err = io.Copy(f, r.Body)    !! Buffers body in temporary file,  
    if err != nil { return err }    e.g. i/o timeout, unexpected EOF  
  
    err = u.S3.UploadAsPart(ctx, f)    !! No data is stored on S3  
    if err != nil { return err }  
  
    return nil  
}
```

```
type happyReader struct {  
    src io.Reader  
    err error  
}
```

```
func (r *happyReader) Read(p []byte) (int, error) {  
    if r.err != nil { return 0, io.EOF }  
    n, err := r.src.Read(p)  
    if err != nil {  
        r.err = err  
        err = io.EOF 🙌 Mask an error as io.EOF  
    }  
    return n, err  
}
```

```
func (r *happyReader) Err() error {  
    return r.err 🙌 Allow for later retrieval  
}
```



`ctx := r.Context()` !! Context gets cancelled if request is cancelled

```
upload, err := state.GetOrCreateUpload(ctx, r.PathValue("id"))  
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

`reader := &happyReader{src: r.Body}` 📌 Wrap request body

```
err = upload.Append(ctx, reader)  
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

!! 📌 No upload is shielded from read context and is done the other way around 📌 or shielding

`err = reader.Err()` 📌 Check read errors afterwards

```
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
func newDelayedContext(parent context.Context, delay time.Duration)
context.Context {
    ctx, cancel := context.WithCancel(context.Background())

    go func() {
        <-parent.Done()
        <-time.After(delay)  👉 Propagate cancellation after delay
        cancel()
    }()

    return ctx
}
```

```
ctx := newDelayedContext(r.Context(), 10*time.Second)
```



Delay cancellation by ten seconds

```
upload, err := state.GetOrCreateUpload(ctx, r.PathValue("id"))
```

```
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
reader := &happyReader{src: r.Body}
```

```
err = upload.Append(ctx, reader)
```

```
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```



Saving upload chunk has now  
additional time 🙌

```
err = reader.Err()
```

```
if err != nil { /* ... */ }
```

```
func TestNewDelayedContext(t *testing.T) {  
    synctest.Test(t, func(t *testing.T) {  
        parent, cancelParent := context.WithCancel(t.Context())  
        delayedCtx := newDelayedContext(parent, 5*time.Second)  
        cancelParent() 🙌 Cancel parent context  
  
        time.Sleep(5*time.Second - time.Millisecond)  
        synctest.Wait()  
        assert.NoError(t, delayedCtx.Err()) 🙌 Should not be cancelled yet  
  
        time.Sleep(time.Millisecond)  
        synctest.Wait()  
        assert.Equal(t, context.Canceled, delayedCtx.Err())  
    })  
}
```

🙌 Should now be cancelled

# Shutting down servers

**func (\*Server) Shutdown**

added in go1.8

```
func (s *Server) Shutdown(ctx context.Context) error
```

Shutdown gracefully shuts down the server **without interrupting** any active connections. Shutdown works by first closing all open listeners, then closing all idle connections, and then **waiting indefinitely** for connections to return to idle and then shut down.

- ⚠ Long running requests are not stopped
- ⚠ Cancelling context is not enough because `io.Copy` can hang
- ⚠ There is no `io.CopyContext`

```
// Body is the request's body.  
//  
// For client requests, a nil body means the request has no  
// body, such as a GET request. The HTTP Client's Transport  
// is responsible for calling the Close method.  
//  
// For server requests, the Request Body is always non-nil  
// but will return EOF immediately when no body is present.  
// The Server will close the request body. The ServeHTTP  
// Handler does not need to.  
//  
// Body must allow Read to be called concurrently with Close.  
// In particular, calling Close should unblock a Read waiting  
// for input.  
Body io.ReadCloser
```

```
serverCtx, cancelServerCtx := context.WithCancel(context.Background())
```

👉 Server's context

```
ctx, cancel := context.WithCancel(r.Context())
```

```
ctx = newDelayedContext(ctx, 10*time.Second)
```

```
go func() {
```

```
  select {
```

```
    case <-serverCtx.Done():
```

```
      r.Body.Close() 👉 Interrupt reads on shutdown
```

```
      cancel()
```

```
    case <-r.Context().Done():
```

```
      // Nothing to do
```

```
  }
```



Uploaded data is saved on shutdown

```
}
```

# Key takeaways

- 1 Long-running requests can be tricky but...
- 2 Handle errors gracefully through shielding
- 3 Use contexts creatively
- 4 `net/http` has hidden gems everywhere
- 5 Resumable uploads implementations: [tus.io](https://tus.io)

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